

REMARKS

The amendments to the specification text added with respect to Figs. 2A-2C are the same as the amendments made to the grandparent application no. 258,285, filed June 10, 1994, now U.S. Patent No. 5,708,833. New Figs. 2A-2C and the amendments to Figs. 27-28 also were entered in the grandparent application.

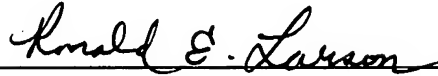
In the grandparent application, in an Office Action mailed Oct. 13, 1995 (copy enclosed), the Examiner objected to Figs. 27-28 because of informalities, and objected to the drawings in general under Rule 83 because the "drawings must show every feature of the invention specified in the claims." (See pars. 1 and 2, page 2.) In response, the applicants amended the specification in an Amendment mailed Dec. 29, 1995 (copy enclosed) and provided informal new and corrected drawings (i.e., Figs. 2A-2C and 27-28). These amendments to the specification text were not objected to in the Office Action mailed June 3, 1996 (copy enclosed). The new and corrected drawings were approved in the June 3, 1996 Office Action, the except for character of lines etc. (See Summary of Action paragraphs 9-10.)

The same amendments to the specification text and drawings approved by the Examiner in the grand parent application have been made in this amendment. For the same reasons the amendments were approved in the grandparent application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to enter the amendments in the present application. No new matter has been added.

New claims 48-52 are believed to be in condition for allowance, and such action is respectfully requested.

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Respectfully submitted,

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